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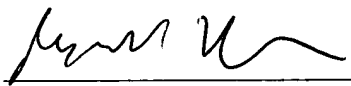
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In the office action dated September 21, 2005, the Examiner rejected (1) claims 1, 2 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,623,598 issued to Voigt et al. ("Voigt") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,717 issued to Harrison et al. ("Harrison"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,352 issued to Burns et al. ("Burns"); and (2) claims 3 and 4 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voigt in view of Harrison and Burns and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,586,059 issued to Oshelski et al. ("Okhelski").  
Reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

Claim 1, which is the only independent claim in the application, specifies a method for presenting system performance to a user in a mass storage system. The method features the steps of: (1) executing at a plurality of host computers a test request by sending commands to the mass